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SUBJECT: LICENSING CONDITIONS IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTOR -  
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[1](#)1. Post discussed reftel questions with Martin Lukanowicz, Director of the Business Analysis Division in the Broadcasting and Telecommunications Regulator (RTR).

[1](#)2. With regard to fixed line service in Austria, Lukanowicz stated that there are no licensing fees, no capitalization or bonding requirements, no build-out investment requirements, and not even a charge for numbering. He told us that pursuant to the Austrian Teleom Act of 2003 (published in Federal Law Gazette number I/70 of August 19, 2003), the intended provision of a public communications network or service, as well as modifications and termination, only requires advance notification in writing from the regulatory authority. An English version of the Austrian Telecom Act 2003 is on the Internet under:  
[http://www.rtr.at/web.nsf/lookuid/5BDD3970C1376EB2C1256F560024FE0A/\\$file/TKG\\_2003\\_eng.pdf](http://www.rtr.at/web.nsf/lookuid/5BDD3970C1376EB2C1256F560024FE0A/$file/TKG_2003_eng.pdf)

[1](#)3. With regard to mobile and wireless communication, RTR usually auctions the scarce frequencies available.

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